

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): An image forming method comprising the steps of:

cutting a silver halide color photosensitive material, which has, on a reflective substrate, photographic layers comprising at least one of each of a blue light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a yellow dye forming coupler, a green light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a magenta dye forming coupler, a red light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a cyan dye forming coupler, and a non-photosensitive hydrophilic colloid layer, into sheet form;

subjecting the sheet to imagewise exposure under transportation with at least one of paired transporting rollers and a belt conveyor; and

applying development processing that includes color development, bleach-fixing, and rinsing, to the sheet;

wherein said silver halide color photosensitive material comprises a back layer on a side of the reflective substrate opposite to the silver halide emulsion layers, said back layer contains colloidal silica, and a surface of said back layer has a charge leak time of 200 seconds or less.

3. (canceled).

4. (original): The image forming method according to claim 2, wherein said colloidal silica has an average particle diameter of 5 to 100 nm.

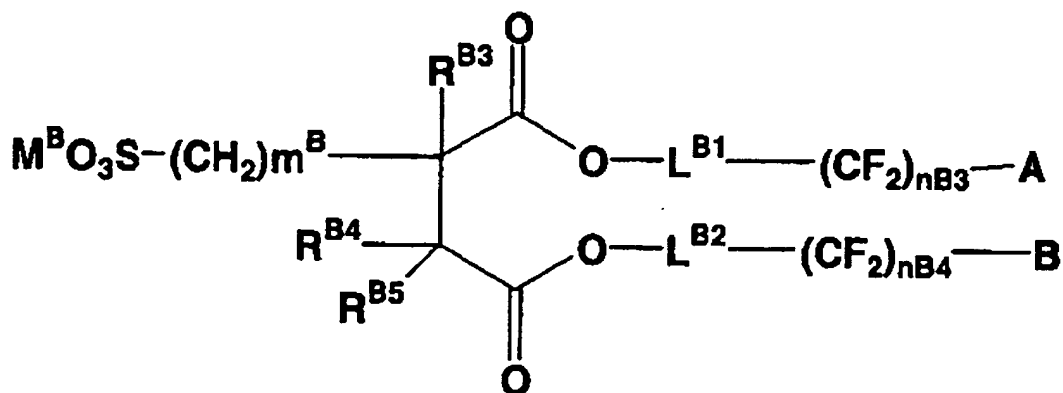
5. (canceled).

6. (original): The image forming method according to claim 2, wherein said back layer includes at least one of a water-soluble polymer compound having a carboxyl group or a sulfonic group, a metal salt thereof and an aqueous dispersion of a hydrophilic organic polymer having at least one of a carboxyl group, a sulfonic group, a phosphoric acid group, an acyl group, and a hydroxyl group.

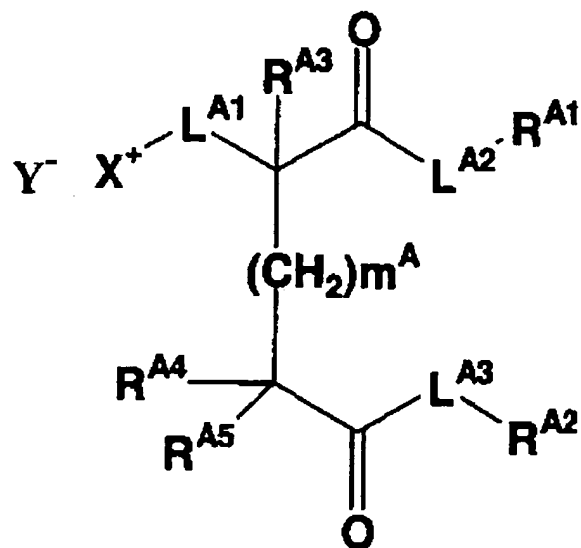
7-12. (canceled).

13. (original): The image forming method according to claim 2, wherein said back layer includes at least one selected from fluorine type surfactants represented by the following general formulae (I) to (IV), and said colloidal silica

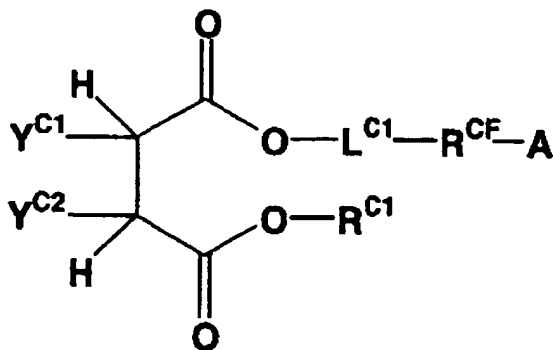
General formula (I)



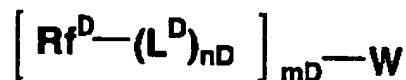
General Formula (II)



General formula (III)



General formula (IV)



wherein

in general formula (I), $\text{R}^{\text{B}3}$, $\text{R}^{\text{B}4}$ and $\text{R}^{\text{B}5}$ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent group; A and B each independently represent a fluorine atom or a hydrogen atom; $n^{\text{B}3}$ and $n^{\text{B}4}$ each independently represent an integer from 4 to 8; $\text{L}^{\text{B}1}$ and $\text{L}^{\text{B}2}$ each independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyleneoxy group, or a divalent connecting group formed by a combination thereof; m^{B} represents 0 or 1; and M represents a cation;

in general formula (II) $\text{R}^{\text{A}1}$ and $\text{R}^{\text{A}2}$ each independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; at least one of $\text{R}^{\text{A}1}$ and $\text{R}^{\text{A}2}$ represents an alkyl group substituted with

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a fluorine atom; R^{A3} , R^{A4} and R^{A5} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent group; L^{A1} , L^{A2} and L^{A3} each independently represent a single bond or a divalent connecting group; X^+ represents a cationic substituent; Y^- represents a counter anion which may be omitted in a case in which a charge in the molecule becomes 0; and m^A represents 0 or 1;

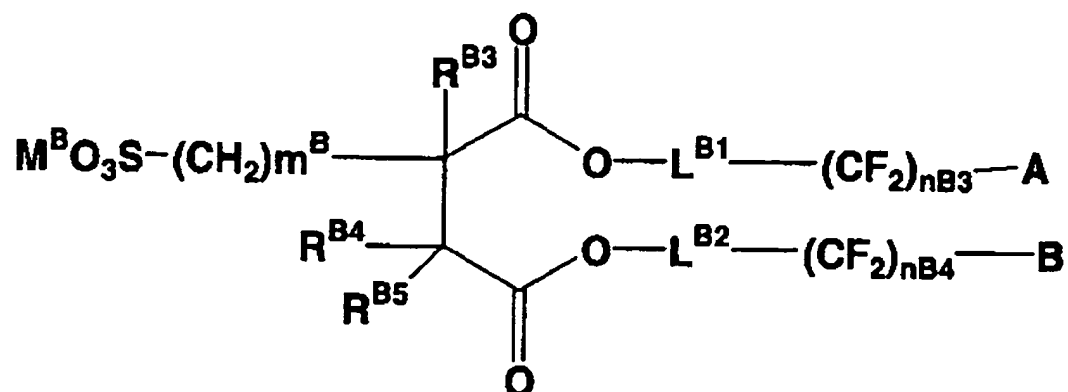
in general formula (III), R^{C1} represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; R^{CF} represents a perfluoroalkylene group; A represents a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom; L^{C1} represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyleneoxy group, or a divalent connecting group formed by a combination thereof; one of Y^{C1} and Y^{C2} represents a hydrogen atom and the other represents $-L^{C2}-SO_3M$; and M represents a cation; and

in general formula (IV), Rf^D represents a perfluoroalkyl group; L^D represents an alkylene group; W represents a group having an anionic, cationic, betainic or nonionic polar group necessary for providing a surface-active property; n^D represents 0 or 1; and m^D represents an integer from 1 to 3.

14. (canceled).

15. (original): The image forming method according to claim 2, wherein said back layer includes a fluorine type surfactant represented by the general formula (I), and said colloidal silica

General formula (I)



wherein, in general formula (I), R^{B3} , R^{B4} and R^{B5} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent group; A and B each independently represent a fluorine atom or a hydrogen atom; n^{B3} and n^{B4} each independently represent an integer from 4 to 8; L^{B1} and L^{B2} each independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyleneoxy group, or a divalent connecting group formed by a combination thereof; m^B represents 0 or 1; and M represents a cation.